

**Duke, Daphne**

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2009 8:47 AM  
**To:** Tommy Tucker  
**Cc:** Duke, Daphne  
**Subject:** RE: Regarding Duke Energy Rate Increase Request

Dear Reverend Tucker :

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Docketing Department for handling. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2009-226-E and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling

**From:** Tommy Tucker [mailto:titucker@embarqmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 1:13 PM  
**To:** Contact  
**Subject:** Regarding Duke Energy Rate Increase Request

The rate increase request that exceeds of nine percent by Duke Energy is unprecedented. While Duke may argue that they have not increased rates in sometime that is simply not accurate. A few years ago the PSC ordered Duke to refund their customers for overcharging them without proper authorization. Then the SCPSC allowed them to get out of the refund buy using the money to pay down their own indigent fund. The customers who paid too much never received a penny!

Now they want a huge increase stating their revenues are down due to a decrease in consumption and blame that reduction on the failing economy. Are we going to mirror Washington and bailout every large corporation who is having profits dwindle. I too am having problems so perhaps I should ask the PSC on behalf of all SC consumers to reduce the rates of all of my utilities during these difficult times.

It is ironic that Duke energy and the government both state and federal are always asking use to reduce energy consumption and now that that is happening they want a rate increase to offset it! My 87 year old mother's second highest bill each month is her Duke Energy bill, second only to her medical costs.

Please let Duke find other ways to make ends meet as the rest of us have had to do and deny their request for any rate increase.

Thank You

Rev. Tommy Tucker  
Greenwood, SC